

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2006**

**Present:** Commissioner President Thomas F. McKay

Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement

Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe

Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.

Commissioner Daniel H. Raley

John Savich, Director of Economics and Community Development

Glenda Dennis, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 am.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

Commissioner President McKay requested that Litigation be added to the Executive Session topics for later in the day. He also noted that a majority of Commissioners are expected to attend the Department of Economic Development's "Business Roundtable" scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at Lenny's Restaurant.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 17, 2006**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to enter into Executive Session on Friday, February 17, 2006, at 2 pm in order to discuss matters of Personnel, as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1, and specifically for the purpose of conducting interviews for the County Attorney position. Motion carried 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 7, 2006. Motion carried 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**INTRODUCTION: DICK MEYERS, SENATOR BARBARA MIKULSKI'S OFFICE**

Commissioner President McKay introduced Dick Meyers, who has been appointed by Senator Mikulski to represent her for this area. Mr. Myers said that he was glad to be back in the area and wanted to let the Commissioners know that he is to assist in any way he can.

## **PROCLAMATION**

Present: Mr. Ken Smith, Supv. of Career & Tech. Ed.; Mr. Joseph North, Principal, Chopticon High School; Mrs. Donna Bednarik and Mr. Ray Guy, Chopticon FBLA Advisors; Mrs. Cindy Baden, Leonardtown FBLA Advisor; Mrs. Gaye Jackson, Great Mills FBLA Advisor and members of the FBLA from Chopticon, Leonardtown and Great Mills High Schools

Mr. Ken Smith spoke on behalf of the FBLA Chapters and gave and announced that Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. is the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tech. Expo and viewing of the infomercial for Career and Technical Education Week at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center. Each high school received a Proclamation proclaiming February 12-18, 2006, as "Career and Technical Education Week". Each FBLA member introduced themselves with their title and school. .

*Commissioner Mattingly requested that staff prepare a Proclamation for the Career and Technology Center.*

## **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS: African-American History Month**

Present: Lynne Morgan-Smoot, Supvr. of Instruction for Fine Arts; Ms. Linda Lymas, Principal and Ms. Pam Lefave, Theater Teacher of Great Mills High School

Students from Great Mills High School presented their winning entries in the visual arts contest, "Through the Eyes of An Artist," and received commendations from the Commissioners.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **1. Draft Agendas for February 21 and 28, 2006.**

*2. Walden/Sierra Inc. (Dr. Kathleen O'Brien, Executive Director; St. Mary's Co. Addictions Treatment Coordinator; Gary Lynch)*

- a. Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the modification to the MOU from the Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene for the amount of \$100,000 to be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried 5-0.**
- b. Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the contract proposal from Walden dated February 3, 2006, to provide for a one time payment of \$115,815 for two additional beds at the Anchor facility for the exclusive use of St. Mary's County residents. Motion carried 5-0.**
- c. Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the budget amendment increasing Walden's budget to meet the required match of \$100,000 from the Md. Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene and an additional \$15,815 to cover other program costs (a total of \$115,815) for two additional beds at the Anchor facility exclusively for St. Mary's County residents. Motion carried 5-0.**

*(Larry Harvey, Director, Marcey House; Walter Biscoe, Community Services Coordinator, ORPCS, Division of Community Services)*

**d. Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY 2007 ADAA grant renewal applications for the Department of Recreation, Parks & Community Services, Marcey House and on behalf of Walden/Sierra. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3. Department of Economic and Community Development** *(John Savich, Dir., DECD; Donna Sasscer, Agriculture Program Mgr.; Elaine Kramer, Chief, Financial Officer)*

**a-c.**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to: (1) approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and the Board of County Commissioners allowing the County to use funds from the Master Settlement Agreement for the expansion of the Charlotte Hall Regional Library Parking Lot for the Farmers Market.; (2) approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Budget Amendment allocating \$80,000, from the Master Settlement Agreement for the Charlotte Hall Regional Library Parking Lot for the Farmers' Market; and (3) approve and sign the letter to Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland requesting the Farmers' Market funds. Motion carried 5-0.**

**d. Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the budget amendment to reflect a reduction in DECD/Housing's health account and the offsetting revenue account and redirect the budget authority of these funds to the supplemental reserve accounts ,so they may be used to establish budget authority for unbudgeted funds as encountered (\$60,000.) Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. Department of Finance** *(Elaine Kramer, Chief Financial Officer)*

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the budget amendment that restores the BOCC Emergency Appropriations account from revenue budgeted for the Carter State Office Building as reimbursement of expenses. Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission** *(Steven L. King, Director; Chet Frederick, Chief Engineer, Bill Schaefer, Assistant Director; Anne Mary Cullins, Human Resources Manager; Frank Taylor, Chairman; Members: Bobby Gant, Rep., Ridge, Md.)*

The St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission requested approval from the Commissioners to add five new positions to their staff. The total salary and payroll burden for the five requested positions will increase the MetCom's Annual Operating Budget by \$290,064. Full funding for all of these positions is included in the FY06

Budget, which was approved by the Metropolitan Board of Directors at the June 9, 2005 meeting. No rate increase in Water or Sewer Service Charges will be necessary to fund these positions.

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve the creation of the following new Metropolitan Commission staff positions: Vector Truck Operator, Maintenance Specialist, Assistant Engineer, Project Manager, and Engineering Administrative Support Clerk. Motion Carried 5-0.**

#### **COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

##### Commissioner Mattingly

Attended the Christmas in April Dinner which recognized its volunteers. It was well attended and congratulations on another successful season.

Attended the Bell Helicopter Open House and stated the technology and facility was impressive. They are ramping up for a stronger presence in the community. He spoke with some key people and they were very interested in becoming partners in the community.

Attended the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department and Mechanicsville Rescue Squad Installation of Officer Banquets but was unable to attend the Second District's Installation.

Happy Birthday to my granddaughter Kaylee, who just turned 5.

##### Commissioner Jarboe

Happy Birthday Mom.

##### Commissioner Raley

Attended the Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Installation and apologized to the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Dept. and Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue for not being able to attend their banquets but sends best wishes to all of the new officers coming in and the old officers going out.

Happy Valentine's Day to every wife and spouse in St. Mary's County.

##### Commissioner Dement

Attended the Banquets for the Installation of Officers for the Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department and Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Attended the Bell Helicopter Open House.

Attended the Christmas in April dinner.

##### Commissioner McKay

Apologized to the Fire and Rescue Squads for not being able to attend any of the ceremonies this weekend due to family obligations, but want to extend congratulations to all officers, past and future.

There will be a hearing on the bill to lift the sunset on the Senior Tax Capital Credit on Wednesday, February 15 at 1 pm. A comment from someone within the State Department of Assessments and Taxation indicated that "a tax cap program passed by the County is unconstitutional." This is not the Attorney General's opinion and it's very difficult for him to figure out why someone from the Department of Assessments and Taxation is weighing in on this issue and calling the County's bill unconstitutional. It was the state's enabling legislation that was followed in adopting the local legislation. Delegate Bohanan might have the hearing pulled, so any citizens who plan on attending (especially seniors planning to testify), please call the Office on Aging before going to Annapolis.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS** *(Dr. Kathleen O'Brien, Director, Walden/Sierra, Inc.; Laura Joyce, So. Md. Center for Family Advocacy and Lanny Lancaster, Three Oaks Center )*

Dr. O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the activities of the Task Force since its establishment in the spring of 2005 and acknowledged the hard work of each member. Through a comprehensive process, the group conducted a review of all existing domestic violence interventions/services, law enforcement and judicial responses to abusers, gathered statistics, identified gaps in services, and conducted a needs assessment to gauge strengths and weaknesses of available services. The Task Force unanimously agreed that while there are many resources, the response is fragmented and the County needs an integrated, coordinated response to domestic violence. From these generalized needs, the group presented the following recommendations to the Commissioners.

- That the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) establish a Family Violence Coordinating Council to be comprised of citizens as recommended by the Governor's Family Violence Council, to be charged with the task of ensuring the coordination of comprehensive and quality services to victims of domestic violence and accountability for abusers;
- That the BOCC name five "Lead Agencies" to be charged with the development of a coordinated community response of five key areas of service delivery (Crisis Intervention/Counseling; Shelter; Healthcare; Law Enforcement; and Legal Advocacy); and
- That the BOCC charge the Family Violence Coordinating Council with developing a specific plan for the development and funding of a shelter continuum (i.e. Safe House; Transitional Housing, Affordable Housing) to serve victims of domestic violence and fund the planning and implementation of shelter services for this purpose; and
- That the Family Violence Coordinating Council develop and implement an integrated data collection and management information system related to domestic violence, with the necessary funding being provided by St. Mary's County; and
- That the Family Violence Coordinating Council develop and implement a plan for a comprehensive public awareness campaign and promote ongoing, community education related to domestic violence and available resources

The Task Force further recommended that the Coordinating Council be comprised of 12 members appointed by the Commissioners to include five core seats (Legal Advocacy/So. Md. Center for Family Advocacy; Health Care Provider/St. Mary's Hospital; Law Enforcement/Office of the Sheriff; and Crisis Intervention and Counseling/Walden, Inc.) and seven additional seats (public schools, survivor/family member, religious leader, Dept. of Social Services, Advocate, Business Representative, and Circuit/District Court rep).

*The Commissioners directed staff to draft a Resolution to provide for the establishment of the Family Violence Coordinating Council and the charging of its duties as recommended by the Domestic Violence Task Force.*

**MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING** *(Larry Greenwell, Board of Directors and Chairman, Sub-Station Committee; Willie Wilkerson, President;*

*Steve Montgomery, V.P. Station 2; Bobby Johnson, Chief; Jimmy Burroughs, Board of Directors;; Dave Sampson, V.P. Station 22; Billy Simpson, Board of Directors; Jimmy Mattingly and Paul Colonna; John B. Norris, III, County Attorney, Liz Passarelli, Real Property Manager; and Phil Rollins, Director of Recreation, Parks & Community Services)*

Mr. Greenwell presented the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department's concept plan and request for approximately three acres of land in Chaptico Park to construct an annex facility.

Mr. Rollins expressed concern that the plan as submitted would eliminate the youth soccer and football practice areas in the park. Mr. Greenwell indicated that construction would not take place until 2010 and that they would assist the County in the relocation of flex fields.

*Commissioner President McKay directed County Attorney John Norris to provide the Board with a memorandum outlining options to facilitate access to the proposed annex directly from Rt. 234.*

*Commissioners directed the Real Property Manager and Director of Recreation and Parks to form a recommendation for replacement Program Open Space property.*

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to authorize staff to proceed with the advertisement of a public hearing for the transfer of property to the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad for a substation inside the Chaptico Park and any intended notifications. Motion carried 5-0.**

**PATUXENT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (PHH)** (*Chuck Stein, Patuxent Habitat for Humanity; June Cornillaur, Mgr. Administration; Rick Sass, Treasurer; Larry Miller, Board Member; Phil Rollins, RP&CS; John B. Norris, III, County Attorney; Liz Passarelli, Real Property Manager*)

#### **UPDATE AND REVISIT CONCEPT FOR A PROPOSED HABITAT COMMUNITY AND CONSIDER THE DISPOSITION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Stein provided an update on the PHH's activities since their presentation to the Board of County Commissioners in November 2005 wherein they proposed partnering with the County on a community development project on the Great Mills swimming pool property. Representatives from PHH met with County staff and Commissioner Mattingly recently to once again review the inventory of County properties which resulted in a 3 possible sites for Habitat use that are currently being investigated for building suitability (and in some cases, to determine exact location). These three, small building lots are of interest to PHH for their short-term needs, but they are still interested in the Great Mills site for their long-term objectives of developing a community on a large parcel over time.

*Commissioner Mattingly suggested that PHH contact churches who have expressed an interest in providing affordable housing to see if they are interested in donating property. Commissioner Jarboe suggested that PHH contact Hunting Creek and other developers about a partnership to include some*

*single, affordable homes in their projects. The Commissioners agreed to continue to assist PHH in their search for other property options, but not to proceed to public hearing regarding disposition of the Great Mills site.*

#### **MOTION FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2006, EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to move into Executive Session today to discuss Personnel matters, specifically reclassification requests, (and not boards and committees), and Litigation matter, as provided for under Article 24, Sections 4-210(a)1 and 4-210(a)II, respectively. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Dement was not present for the vote.**

#### **Litigation**

Present: Commissioner Thomas F. McKay, President

Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement (absent)

Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe

Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.

Commissioner Daniel H. Raley

Heidi Dudderar, Deputy County Attorney

John Savich, Director, Dept. of Economic and Community Development

Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant to the BOCC, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1

Time Held: 3:50 – 4:34 pm

Action taken: The Commissioners discussed pending litigation matter.

**Personnel**

Present: Commissioner Thomas F. McKay, President

Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement

Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe

Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.

Commissioner Daniel H. Raley

John Savich, Director, Dept. of Economic and Community Development

June Robrecht, Deputy Director, Human Resources Dept.

Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant to the BOCC, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1

Time Held: 4:38 – 6:00 pm

Action taken: The Commissioners discussed personnel matters.

**PUBLIC FORUM: Held at the Lexington Park Library, Lexington Park**

Present: Commissioner President Thomas F. McKay

Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement

(Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.

Commissioner Daniel H. Raley

*Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe was absent)*

John Savich, Director of Economics and Community Development

Denis Canavan, Director, Land Use and Growth Management

Phil Rollins, Director, Recreation, Parks and Community Services

Kathleen Reif, Library Director

Janice Hummel, Mgr. Lexington Park Library

Jennifer Fabbicante, Public Information Officer

Heather Brunstetter, Videographer, Public Information Office

The following newly appointed members of Boards, Committees or Commissions were introduced and recognized by the Commissioners for their service to the community:

- Denise Barnes, Tri-County Youth Services Bureau
  
- Wicomico River Commission, Robert Denning
  
- Laine Doggett, Community Health Advisory Committee
  
- Merl Evans, Planning Commission
  
- Andree Wells, Adult Public Guardianship Review Board, Commission for Women, Sanjay Apte, Human Relations Commission

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Wendy Heidrich, 172075 Cat Creek Rd., Mechanicsville

Announced events this weekend at the Three Notch Theater (now housed in the former Lexington Park Library) "Love Letters" will run again on Friday at 8 pm, featuring Sarah and Mark Dale. Benefit concert will take place this Saturday night. Rehearsals are starting for "Lend Me a Tenor," a farce that opens March 3. Reserve on-line or call the theater.

Bob Schaller, 4100 Paw Paw Hallow Lane, Leonardtown

Professor at CSM, teach business and economics, and President of the Business Education and Community Alliance, which is partnering with the school system on the "Passport to the Future" scholarship program. 13 scholarships were given out last year. Benefit concert for this program will be held at the Three Notch Theater this Saturday night. New guitar will be raffled with funds going directly to scholarship program.

Rachel Pixton, 47915 Kittaamaquund Lane, Lexington Park

Representing Southern County Youth Football. I am 100% in support of the County starting a new league. Parents should have a choice. People are going to start going to Calvert County and the St. Mary's program will slowly deteriorate.

Mark Miller, 22223 Goldenrod Drive, Great Mills

Chair, Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad (LPVRS). Update on LPVRS and thank the community and the Commissioners for their support. Major increases over the last year in all areas (fuel, insurance, clothing), but we are managing that's to the solution worked out with the Commissioners and the support of the community. LPVRS volunteer services donated over the last year were worth \$1.17m. Encouraged citizens to volunteer. Calls went up – 4300 calls over last year. 400 calls in the month of January. We are starting ambulance replacement and it will be the first time in our history that we are able to replace all five at one time and not borrow. We are continuing to look for ways to do things even better. Looking at replacing Station 39 on Great Mills Road. Need to plan for this. Have a prospective property behind the Lexington Park Library that we are looking at. We do have concerns about FDR Blvd and access to it. Our term of office for officers is now the same as the County's fiscal year.

Andrea Aeschlimann, 29840 Cheryl Ct., Mechanicsville, Director of Cheerleading for Pigskin Football.

Speaking in support of Pigskin league. Great volunteers have worked hard for 20+ years and I'm asking the community to continue to be supportive. I'm not in favor of the County spending our tax money for a new league. Historically, these leagues don't stay afloat and you could have bigger problems. I'm not against the new Southern League starting up. I agree that people should have choices, but it should be fair across the board for all youth sports. We may lose a lot of great people. Every year we have more and more registration and I hope we continue to have support.

Linda Thomas, 46852 Flower Dr., Lexington Park

My child has been with the Pigskin league since he was 5 and he is now 13. I am in support of Recreation and Parks becoming involved in activities and ethical standards. There should be a St. Mary's County Rec and Parks representative on the field. It will help to make playing fields equal. Middle school fields are not rotated. We need accountability and an established set of ethics – top down and bottom up, that includes parents, coaches and children. I am for St. Mary's County being more proactively involved and ensuring there is no inappropriate behavior exhibited on the field. Parents should have a choice and not have to go across the bridge for that choice. Pigskin has been good – but there is always room for improvement. I want to have a choice.

David Goddard, 19571 Critter Lane, Lexington Park

I played football in the mid-80's for St. Mary's and have coached for the last four years for the Pigskin Club. The last three years I have been on the Executive Board for the South region of the County. I can't say enough about what Don, Trude and Chris Kemp have done for our County with their relentless efforts to the program. I have also given countless hours of hard work and dedication to ensure every new season is better than the last. I am in support of Parks and Recreation overseeing the football operations in St. Mary's County. I believe if the football program was divided into locally formed clubs it would be a win-win situation. The board members could be focused on a smaller group of members providing the required attention and leadership to the children. The coaches will be from the local region and have more time for the day to day operations without driving great distances to volunteer. The kids will have the local interest and support for each club. They will take more pride in their own clubs that are locally run. The parents will have all football operations within their community. All questions, concerns and volunteering will be within a five to ten mile radius. The County will have full control of County fields and mandating the new Raising Awareness in Youth Sports Program, providing a fair and observed child weigh-in process, setting a schedule, providing approved referees and performing background checks on all coaches. I would like to thank you for considering the Parks and Recreation Department proposal. There are almost 100,000 people living in the County and it is growing at an unbelievable rate. Times have changed since I played the game and I think it is time we changed with it. A lot of people don't like change until it happens, but when it does, they will all support it.

Laurie Hale, 26155 Tradesman's Lane, Mechanicsville

Past Board member and 8-year old child plays on Pigskin Club. I am opposed to the Recreation and Parks proposal. If another league wants to form they should do so on their own. Why is administration proposed only for football. Can't someone already in Rec and Parks handle the administration. We have never had a representative from Rec and Parks at our board meetings and have only seen Kenny Southern on the fields. What do Phil and Arthur do? The Commissioners should do what they were elected to do and let the residents decide how to manage football, not just a few people who dislike Mr. Kemp.

Janette Cooper, 22507 Iverson Drive, Great Mills

I support the Recreation and Parks proposal. We all deserve a choice. What funding did Rec and Parks ask for?

*Mr. Rollins clarified that there are two separate issues. A new group has indicated interest in starting a new club. What we proposed is that rather than have 2 leagues; the County will be the lead administrator for the football program. One or more community-based youth football organizations would be established in the northern, central, and southern areas of the County. These organizations would establish football and cheerleading teams in various age and weight divisions; fundraise to support their organizations; register youth in their areas for these teams; and purchase, maintain and store team equipment. These teams would be entered into a county-wide league and the league would be administered by Recreation and Parks. The proposal was modeled after successful programs in Charles and Calvert Counties. We proposed the addition of a new position to handle the football league administration and to help manage the Raising Community Standards program with other youth sports leagues.*

Mitchell Willett, 25263 Sotterley Road, Hollywood

We support Pigskin. If Rec and Parks takes over football, it should take over all sports and have an administrator for all sports. They asked for \$250,000. Chris Pixton's budget was \$30,000. The County will want us to pay them to oversee. Volunteers have been doing this for over 25 years. If Rec and Parks runs the league, you will still only have one choice. The County is continuing to grow and it will support two leagues.

*Mr. Rollins' response: The County may need to help new groups get started by purchasing equipment, etc. \$250,000 was the worst case scenario amount that may have to be loaned to provide start up funds. We hope that the Pigskin Club will be a participant. Regarding two separate leagues: we only have a certain number of fields and it would be difficult to determine who should have the priority. In my opinion, there aren't enough teams to have two leagues. The new Southern program could have a difficult time getting started. We think a better approach is for St. Mary's County to serve as the League Director for the new program. In terms of administering only football, football seems to be a different type of program than the other sports, and we are not proposing to run all sports but to try and improve the football league in St. Mary's County.*

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Minnie Russell, 6477 Dunbar Road, Ridge

Wanted to thank whoever is responsible for getting the communication tower up in Ridge. I'm concerned about senior citizens on fixed incomes taking a tremendous blow with the new tax assessments. My property assessment increased by 311%. Is anyone going to go to bat for us? We are trying to hold on to property that we have often inherited, but will be forced to sell. The State Assessment Manual is only available on-line and this is a problem for those who don't have computers. The manual is available at the Charlotte Hall Library but it has not been updated and is now obsolete.

Commissioner McKay responded to the citizens' concerns.

Andrea Aeschlimann, 29840 Cheryl Ct., Mechanicsville

Advised the Board that the Pigskin group sent a letter to Mr. Forrest on January 14th requesting a meeting and they have not heard back. They have not been contacted about setting up a meeting with County Commissioners either.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes approved by the Board of County Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_

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Glenda Dennis, Administrative Assistant